

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 454-08

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 15, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 3197

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 3197 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to make an emergency appropriation of \$21,253,032 in additional State Highway Fund (Fund) moneys for fiscal year 2007-2008 for the Department of Transportation (DOT) to use for the State Highway System.

DOT and the Hawaii Transportation Association testified in support of this measure.

Pursuant to the requirements set forth in Article VII, Section 9, of the Hawaii Constitution, the Governor, in her Governor's Message No. 243 to the Legislature, requested immediate consideration and passage of this bill by the Legislature citing an existing critical funding shortage.

Your Committee finds that by extending the rental vehicle surcharge tax and increasing the fuel tax on gasoline and diesel oil by \$.01 per gallon during the Regular Session of 2007, approximately \$21,200,000 in additional revenues were deposited into the Fund. However, DOT was not authorized to spend these additional revenues. The expenditure of these revenues is necessary to ensure continued maintenance and operation of the State Highway System.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 3197 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation,



JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



